



**Blair Atholl
Jamborette**

Camp Guide

2026

40th Scottish International Patrol Jamboreette

20th – 31st July 2026

Welcome to Blair Atholl 2026



I am delighted that **you** are with us at the 40th Scottish International Patrol Jamboreette. The first Jamboreette was held at Blair Atholl in 1946 and I'm sure you will agree that there can be no better setting for our camp than here in the ground of Blair Castle in the middle of the Scottish Highlands.

International Jamboreettes like ours offer an incredible opportunity to extend the Scouting hand of friendship worldwide and can contribute so much to future world peace and understanding.

Have a wonderful time; try as many of the exciting activities as you can; meet and make new friends; look, listen and talk - I am certain you will learn an immense amount from each other.

Remember, too, if you do need help, don't be afraid to come up and ask me, or any other member of the Scottish Staff - we're all here to help you enjoy the special magic of Blair Atholl.

I am privileged to be your Camp Chief, and sincerely hope that I will have the chance to meet and chat with each and every one of you during the ten days of the Jamboreette.

Let's all work hard to make this year's camp a wonderful celebration of Scouting by having great fun and international friendship.

Camp Chief



BLAIR ATHOLL JAMBORETTES

A Short History

World Jamborees take place every four years, and they serve a very useful purpose, but Mr Jack Stewart, International Commissioner for Scotland before and after the 1939/1945 war, felt that a smaller gathering of Scouts from all over the world would be of more lasting benefit. After discussion with many overseas friends who had found their way to Britain during the war, the concept of the first Jamborette in 1946 became clear in Jack's mind.

The then Duke of Atholl gave permission for the camp to be held in what was known as America Park (now the caravan site). Great assistance was given to the first camp by the Perthshire Scouts who left the facilities of their County Camp in the same park.

The arrangement then, as now, was that a Scottish Patrol would arrive and set up a 'double' Patrol site to allow their Overseas Patrol to travel to Scotland without tentage and camping equipment.

The idea worked extremely well, and it was decided that a Jamborette would be held every two years on the 'even' years to avoid a clash with the World Jamborees. The smaller size of camp allowed more international contact and friendships more readily made in camp, were encouraged to continue at a Scottish home during a short period of hospitality. Jack was very keen on this part of the Jamborette for it was a better way of furthering international friendship and understanding

The World Jamboree in France in 1947 allowed Jack the chance to publicise the success of the idea and extend invitations to the 1948 event. A larger staff allowed a wider range of activities to be attempted, this staff being catered for by a team of Guides from Perthshire.

In this way, the Blair Atholl concept was born and has continued along very similar lines every two years. In 1962 there was an enforced break when America Park was unavailable, but a 'Philia' was held for Patrol Leaders from all over the World in the field across the drive from our present camp. In 1972 the Jamborette moved to its present 'Target Park' site.

Over the past 80 years, representatives of more than 50 countries have come to Blair Atholl and have always been welcomed by the people of the area. This will again be the case for our 40th Jamborette and we owe our thanks to the staff of the Atholl Estates for this lovely site and all the assistance we get in running this event.



THE SUBCAMPS

For the duration of the camp, your Subcamp Leader is your Clan Chief. Their job is to be your Leader and friend, and to help you to enjoy your stay at Blair Atholl. Your Subcamp will take part in friendly competition with the other Subcamps at various times. Daily, the best joint Patrol at inspection in each Subcamp will be inspected by the Camp Chief who will then award his personal pennant to the best joint Patrol in the whole Camp.

In each Subcamp there will be several Assistant Subcamp Leaders who are also there to help you to get the most out of this unique 'International Experience'.

A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR CLAN

MacDonald Subcamp Leader: Mark Gallacher

Reckoned by many to be the oldest and most famous of the Scottish clans. Men of the west and of the Isles, they claim descent from Donald, grandson of the Norwegian, Somerled of the Isles, who died in 1164.

Maclean Subcamp Leader: May Donald

This clan is descended from 'Gillaen of the Battle Axe' who flourished in the 13th century. The axe which made him famous features on the clan crest. His signature on a document from 1294 is 'Gillamoir Mackilyn'. The late Lord Charles Maclean was the chief of the Clan Maclean and was a former Chief Scout.

Murray Subcamp Leader: Ross Donald-Hewitt

The Murrays are descended from one called Freskin who was either a Fleming who settled in Scotland at the time of King David I or a Pictish noble. This family became the forebearers of the Dukes of Atholl. The first Duke was created in 1703. The Duke of Atholl is the only person in the United Kingdom allowed to have and maintain a private 'Army'.

Morrison Subcamp Leader: Stacey McPherson-Kennedy

The Morrisons, 'Sons of Maurice', lived in the Hebrides. The chiefs of the clan were the 'brieves' (local judges) of the Island of Lewis and at one time their jurisdiction extended from Islay to the Butt of Lewis and to Ord of Caithness. A distinguished member of the clan was the former Chief Scout of the United Kingdom, Garth Morrison.

Robertson Subcamp Leader: Gemma Campbell

Very much a Perthshire family. The first Chief was 'Duncan the Stout', a descendant of the ancient Earls of Atholl. When the clan lands were created in the Struan area, adjoining Blair Atholl, the Chief's name was Robert and his son took the surname Robertson.

Stewart Subcamp Leader: Jamie Gordon

The Stewarts are descended from a Breton noble who came to England. One of his sons subsequently moved to Scotland where he found favour with the then King David. His grandson (a steward) adopted the name Stewart which gave the name to a Royal line.

CAMP CALENDAR

Monday 20th July

Scottish Scouts arrive and set up camp
20:00 Scottish Scouts Tour of Site

Tuesday 21st July

Overseas Scouts arrive
Walk round with overseas
20:00 Opening Ceremony
Opening Campfires in subcamps

Wednesday 22nd July

Daily activity programme begins
17:00 Reception for Overseas Leaders
20:00 Opening Party - Kastle Disco – At the Movies!

Thursday 23rd July

Daily activity programme
18.30 Camp dinner - Staff cook with Patrols
Evening activities programme
20:00 Camp Chief's Challenge

Friday 24th July

Daily activity programme
13:00 Satellite camp opens
1930 Satellite Evening activities programme
20:00 Open Mic Night @ the Kastle Stage
- bring your instrument and join in or come along to listen. (Kastle)

Saturday 25th July (Visitors' Day)

14:00 Country Fair
19.30 RC Mass
21:00 International Campfire

Sunday 26th July

Late "Rise and shine"
10.30 Flag break
11:00 Scouts' Own at the Castle
18:00 Barbeque Meal in subcamps
20:00 Kastle Disco – Blair Rocks!

Monday 27th July

08:00 Patrol Leaders Breakfast
Daily activity programme
Evening activities programme
20:00 Sub Camp Chill Out – *Campfires on sub camps*

Tuesday 28th July

Daily activity programme
Evening activities programme
20:00 Kastle International Talent Night

Wednesday 29th July

Scottish Day
Last day of daily activity programme
18:00 Modern Burns Supper
20:00 Kastle Keilidh in the Kourtyard (Kastle)

Thursday 30th July

11:00 Atholantics
Subcamps dismantled
21.00 Closing Campfire
22:30 International Leaders
Leaving reception

Friday 31st July

Dispersal of Scouts
Dismantling of Camp
16.30 Staff Dinner
18:30 Reception in Castle Ballroom
Ceilidh in Staff Club and Supper

Saturday 27th July

Dismantling of Camp continues
16:00 Departure of Staff



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SCOUT CODE OF CONDUCT

All Scouts (Scottish and Overseas) at the Blair Atholl Jamborette must agree to follow and adhere to the Code of Conduct below.

Please follow these guidelines to keep yourself and everyone else safe and help us all have a great Jamborette.

- ❖ Always wear your Jamborette neckie and I.D. badge unless asked to remove them for safety reasons.
- ❖ Follow the Scout Promise, Law and Fundamental Values at all times.
- ❖ Be tolerant, respectful and understanding of others.
- ❖ Respect other people's property - if you didn't bring it or buy it, then leave it alone. 'Trophy hunting' is theft!
- ❖ Smoking is permitted only in marked areas.
- ❖ The possession, use or supply of illegal substances is expressly forbidden.
- ❖ Adults may not swap badges with Participants. You may not sell anything.
- ❖ Please respect the right of others to sleep and rest.
- ❖ Please use the bins provided and make a special effort to keep the Jamborette clean and tidy.
- ❖ Take care when using the services such as showers and toilets and think of others.
- ❖ Gambling and alcohol are not allowed.
- ❖ Please respect and follow all signs and instructions - out of bounds or restricted access areas have been designated for a reason.
- ❖ **The Staff Lines, Staff Mess and Staff Club are for staff members only.**

SCOUTS' DAILY PROGRAMME

07.30	Rise and shine
07.40	Issue of supplies to patrols
08.00	Breakfast
09.00	Inspection
10.00	Flag break
10.15	Activities
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Activities
16.40	Issue of supplies to patrols
17.00	Dinner
	Evening activities (as announced)
19.45	Flag down
22.30	Scouts back in own subcamp
23.00	Lights out

CAMP SERVICES

CAMP OFFICE and ADMINISTRATION

Administration and Reception centre is adjacent to the main gate in a marquee and portacabin.

LOST PROPERTY

If you lose anything, please report it to this office and if you find anything, hand it in here.

LEAVING SITE

Scouts **MUST NOT** leave the site unless they are on an organised activity or with an adult. All Scouts leaving camp must wear correct and complete uniform and must sign out at the Camp Office, and on return, sign back in. Please advise your Subcamp Leader before you go. All Scouts must be back on site by 20.30 hours unless on organised camp activities.

QUARTERMASTER

All food and catering supplies for the Camp are issued from the Q.M. Scouts should be punctual and bring with them clean containers to carry food back to their Patrol site. Supplies issue times are normally 07.40 and 16.40

If you are short of anything, ask for it at the next supplies issue. Arrangements can be made for special meals or special diets by giving advance notice to the Q.M.

SITE QUARTERMASTER

If you need any non-food items, see Site Quartermaster.

MEDICAL CENTRE

Surgery 09.00 and 17.00

If you feel ill or injure yourself, you should let your Subcamp or activity staff know. They will be able to deal with most of your problems. If your problem is more serious, they will contact a member of the medical team. Attendance at the medical centre during surgery hours should only be by arrangement with subcamp or activity staff.

MOBILE PHONE CHARGING

The camp has mobile phone charging facilities available for scouts. They are located in Subcamps and the Kastle, more information on this will be available at the camp.

We encourage you to take solar powered battery packs for individual or patrol use.

THE KASTLE

JACK'S

At the heart of the Kastle is Jack's, the small shop that everyone looks forward to visiting. Packed with tasty sweets, refreshing drinks and fun Scout merchandise, it's a favourite stop during the evening. Whether you need a quick snack, a cold drink or a badge souvenir to remember camp, Jack's has something for everyone.

VLOGGING

Our Vlogging team are forever sniffing out kamp gossip, chasing tales from the curl of the woodsmoke. Subcamp 'Korrespondents' – step right up!"

SITE SERVICES

WOOD

All supplies are arranged through your Subcamp Leader.

WATER

This should be taken from the water tanks on site. This water is suitable for drinking.

There must be NO washing of dishes or clothing at the tank.

WET PIT

There is a central wet pit set up in the middle of the area between all the subcamps. This is only for emptying waste into from your own patrol wet pit bucket.

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Rubbish will be collected from a point at each Subcamp. Please put rubbish in the bins provided.

RECYCLING AT THE CAMP

You will all be aware of why recycling is important. Major resources such as oil are conserved when we recycle plastics. Recycling glass, paper and cans saves energy (oil, coal and gas) and reduces pollution.

Facilities have been provided for you to collect glass, drinks cans and plastic milk bottles for recycling. Please be careful to use the containers properly. Each one has a notice telling you what you can put in it. At the end of the event all the materials you have collected will be picked up and recycled.

SUB CAMP INSPECTION GUIDE



Inspection will be marked out of 100 points; 10 points per section and will usually take place in the morning before flag break.

There will be a daily challenge, however this will not contribute towards the pennant for the inspection.

UNIFORM (10 marks)

All Scouts: Shirt, BA badge (sewn), Necker, ID Badge. Lead taken from the PL

Scottish Scouts – plus kilt, black shoes, lovat green socks with / scout green flashes, (scout belt is optional)

International Scouts - look for consistency and if in doubt use PL as the standard

SLEEPING TENTS (10 marks)

Walls Hung - If raining or rain forecast, keep down.

Pitched correctly - storm guyed, side guys all in line and tight.

Interior - Tidy and clean

Personal - Kit in bags, Bedding rolled up.

Ground sheet folded back to form passage (patrol tents only).

STORE TENT (10 marks)

Walls Hung - If raining or rain forecast, keep down.

Pitched correctly - storm guyed, side guys all in line and tight.

Interior – Tidy, clean and usable for food prep should weather be bad.

FOOD HYGIENE (10 marks)

Contents - raised off ground.

Utensils and cooking equipment – Clean and dry (check a sample) not to be stored with food.

Meat and Dairy Products - Returned to sub camp staff after every meal

Dry Goods – stored in watertight containers. No excessive food stuffs.

Dish Towels – one should be used per meal and a “dirty towel” box/basket should be present.

SHELTER (10 marks)

Structure - stable and lashings tight. Fit for purpose.

Table – Clean and plastic covering in place.

Cover – secure.

FIRE & WOOD PILE (10 Marks)

Fire - stable, level and safe. Good layer of earth to insulate underside. Check for burning through

Ashes - cleared (unless hot, if so they should be swept to the side)

Fire Buckets – 2 of, red, charged with clean water at least $\frac{3}{4}$ full, next to fire. No floaters/sinkers (foreign objects).

Wood Pile – Wood chopped ready for next meal, all chippings on mat and wood covered, tools stored safely (preference is in store tent). Boundary clearly marked out

GENERAL AREA (10 Marks)

Slop Bucket – Emptied daily into central area, cover clean, area around clear.

Gateway – Patrol name, functional and safe.

Boundary Fence – Fit for purpose, not used as clothes line, tight

Gadgets – Fit for purpose

PERSONAL HYGIENE (10 Marks)

Nails & Hands – Clean and evidence of washing

Teeth – Clean and evidence of brushing

TEAM WORK (10 Marks)

PL's - Scottish and Overseas communicating and getting along

Scottish Patrol – Scouts getting along and working as a patrol, PL leading by example

Overseas Patrol – Scouts getting along and working as a patrol, PL leading by example

Full Patrol – Working well together to ensure tasks are accomplished, communicating well

LITTER (10 Marks)

Litter – No litter (including food scraps) anywhere within in or in front of site

Bags – New bags for inspection

Recycling – ensure recycling is taking place (Glass, Plastic, Cans, Card, General Waste) all food waste and paper should be burnt.

Challenge of the White Cockade



The White Cockade was proudly worn by the followers of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) during the Jacobite adventure of 1745–46. When the Prince first set foot in Scotland, the Marquis of Tullibardine carried his banner and helped gather the clans at Glenfinnan. Today, you can still spot a White Cockade—just like the one worn by the Marquis—on display in Blair Castle. The Marquis' brother, Lord George Murray, helped lead the Jacobite forces on their journey.

Explorers can earn their very own Cockade badge by taking part in a range of exciting activities across the different Activity Hubs , plus some fun evening challenges, all signed off by their Subcamp Leaders. Get stuck in, give it your best, and wear your badge with pride!

Sub Camp staff and staff in the Activity Office are there to answer any questions you may have about activities. Details of the types of activities on offer are on our website and will be shared with Scouts nearer the time.

Safety

The Jamborette aims to deliver a fun and adventurous experience for all participants. A sense of adventure lies at the heart of our movement and doing things safely is fundamental to everything we do.

All young people and adults are asked to follow verbal and / or written instructions given to minimise the risk of activities. This includes general activities on the subcamp and wider campsite as well as during our activity programme. We publish risk assessments on our website for activities and more.

With safety a priority we can enjoy the fun and adventure.

Evening Activities

Wednesday
22nd July

Opening Disco - At the Movies

Walk down the red carpet in style whilst partying to classic film anthems and iconic soundtracks

Thursday 23rd
July

Camp Chief's Challenge

Take part in our 40th anniversary challenge. Can you complete it in under an hour for the chance of winning a prize?

Come and chill out in the Kourtyard afterwards to meet new people and chat with your new patrol mates.

Friday 24th July

Open Mic / Acoustic Night

Acoustic sessions around the Kastle. Fancy showing off your musical talents to other participants? Come along to the Kastle and take part in small groups or on the main stage

Sunday 26th
July

Party at the Kastle – Blair Rocks!

Your ultimate festival to rock through the decades from 1946-2026

Tuesday 28th
July

International Talent Showcase

Talent from across the camp for everyone to enjoy – participants and staff!

Wednesday
29th July

Keilidh at the Kastle

Take part in a traditional Scottish Ceilidh with a LIVE Ceilidh band. – fun guaranteed!

An inclusive camp

Our Welfare team are here to support and look after the welfare of young people and staff here at Blair Atholl Jamborette. We promote respect, harmony, and inclusion. We aim to support individuals, patrols, and team and want everyone to have the best possible Jamborette experience irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality, and ability.

We do not tolerate any kind of discriminatory practice, hate speech, or inappropriate actions. All young people here at Blair Atholl are equal. If you have experienced any kind of unfair or wrong treatment, please talk to subcamp leaders or one of the welfare team. Being a Scout/er at Blair Atholl is a privilege, not a right and there is no place in our field of dreams for bullying, intimidation or unfair / unjust treatment of any kind and action will be taken should this occur. Please look after each other and talk to leaders or the welfare team about anything troubling you.

A Taste of Scotland

Address Tae a Haggis

Robert Burns

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm :
Weel are ye wordy o'a grace
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin', rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an'
strive:
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve
Are bent like drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
Bethankit! hums.
Is there that owre his French ragout

Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad make her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckless as wither'd rash,
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash;
His nieve a nit;
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread.
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,
Like taps o' thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your
care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking
ware
That jaups in luggies;
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer
Gie her a haggis!

